

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Yoshiki KANO et al.
Serial No.: Not yet assigned
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For: AUTOMATED ON-LINE CAPACITY EXPANSION METHOD
FOR STORAGE DEVICE
Group: Not yet assigned
Examiner: Not yet assigned

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 23, 2004

Sir:

Before examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification and Abstract begin on page 2.

Remarks are included following the amendments.